

OUR COTTON RIVAL SUFFERS IN CHINA

England's Imports Show Big Reduction by Latest Figures.

America Not Alone in Bad Showing for Eleven Months.

Fact Shows Over Importation Real Cause for Decline in Trade.

The reduction in importation of cotton goods into China is not confined to the American product. Much interest and some anxiety have been developed in the United States by reason of the fact that our own export figures show a fall of about \$14,000,000 in the value of cotton cloths sent to China in the eleven months ending with November, 1906, compared with the corresponding months of 1905.

This falling off was explained by those acquainted with that trade as largely the result of over importations of cotton goods into China last year, and figures from China just received by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor seem to sustain the assertion that the reduction in China's imports is general and not aimed exclusively at the products of the United States.

The commercial statements of the Chinese government are issued quarterly and annually. The quarterly statements give merely the quantity of certain articles entering the principal ports of China, but do not give the figures of values. They are further complicated by the fact that the figures of imports of the interior and smaller coast cities include the merchandise reshipped there from the larger ports of China. It is not practicable, therefore, to state from these quarterly returns the aggregate quantity of the various classes of cotton cloths imported into China.

Shanghai Reports a Criterion.

The fact, however, that Shanghai is the principal port of origin for cotton goods and many other leading articles imported, and that more than two-thirds of the total imports of China enter originally at Shanghai, indicates that an examination of the quarterly figures of imports at that port will give a fair indication of the trend of the import trade of China for the elapsed period of the current year.

Those quarterly statements of the Chinese government regarding the imports of the current year have reached the Bureau of Statistics and cover the three quarters ending with September, 1906. A combination of these three quarterly statements indicate that the falling off in imports of cotton piece goods from the United Kingdom, our chief rival in the cotton trade of China, is as great proportionately as in the case of the United States.

The four principal classes of cotton goods which China has been accustomed to draw from the United States and the United Kingdom in any considerable quantities are cotton sheetings, shirtings, drills, and jeans.

England's Decline Greater.

A condensation of these statements regarding the various great classes of cotton goods imported at Shanghai—sheetings, shirtings, drills, and jeans—shows that the total number of pieces of these four principal classes of cotton goods from the United States was, in the nine months ending with September, 1906, 9,352,087, and in the corresponding period of 1905, 6,882,594, a reduction of 26 per cent; and that the number of pieces of English goods of these four classes imported was, in the same months of 1906, 6,332,473, and in the same months of 1905, 4,532,312, also a reduction of 26 per cent.

In values the fall shown by the figures of the United Kingdom is not so

FIST FIGHT AT RECTOR'S; GLANCE AT FAIR WOMEN STIRS KESSLER'S WRATH

Champagne Importer and "Davy" Johnson in Mix-Up Which Gathers Big Crowd to Famous Resort. More Trouble Coming.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Champagne corks were popping all around, but the sound was like that of a leaf wafted to the ground, compared to the report of the impact of the right fist of George Kessler and the face of Davy Johnson. It was at midnight and it happened in Rector's. There are many versions of the affair along the Great White Way, but the following is the one most generally accepted:

Kessler was entertaining friends, among them several women, when Johnson, in passing out, looked at one of the former's fair companions. This was more than the champagne importer could stand, and jumping to his feet he struck the offender. Johnson held his ground long enough to announce

that he would have a settlement later. Then, it is said, he dispatched couriers to his friends, the Consolines, and within a few minutes half a dozen men recognized as Johnson's adherents, were seen on the outside of the restaurant.

It was rumored that a clash was imminent, and soon a large crowd had gathered in front of the restaurant. Kessler and his friends remained in the restaurant until 3 o'clock, when they were informed that the coast was clear. They hastened out, and, jumping into an automobile, were soon miles from the scene.

Mr. Rector says the trouble was the result of Johnson stepping on Kessler's foot. The latter asked for an apology, and seeing it would not be given, jabbed his right hand to the face. More trouble is expected.

PLAYWRIGHT SUES TO PROTECT SHOW

Charles Klein Enjoins Concern From Selling "Lion and Mouse" Manuscript.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Charging that the four-act drama known as "The Lion and the Mouse" is masquerading under the names of "The Octopus" and "The Mighty and the Weak," the author of "The Lion and the Mouse," Charles Klein, secured an injunction, through Attorney T. S. Hogan, in Judge Kohlman's branch of the Federal Circuit Court restraining the Chicago Manuscript Company from dealing in the manuscript of his play.

PICKPOCKETS GET ROLL OF A VIRGINIA MAN

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 11.—George Basham, of Basham, Va., reported to the police at Union Station today that he had been robbed of \$40 just as the train upon which he had come to St. Louis was leaving Kansas City. The money was stolen from his overcoat by a pickpocket.

Basham has been in the mining business at Denver, and was en route to his home in Virginia.

FAIRMOUNT FOLK ASK MORE CARS

Citizens' Association to Petition Company for Better Schedule.

The Fairmount Citizens' Association last night decided to petition the car company to give a ten-minute schedule during the morning and afternoon hours, and a half-hour schedule in the middle of the day.

F. Coleman, chairman of the executive board, introduced a resolution recommending that street lamps be purchased and erected at designated points along Fifty-eighth street northeast. After earnest discussion the resolution was adopted, and the committee on streets directed to make the necessary arrangements to have the work done.

W. D. Nixon, president of the association, told of the joint committee, representing Burville and Fairmount calling on the Commissioners to advocate the opening of the District boulevard from Sheriff road to Sixty-first street northeast. Mr. Washington explained that during the past twenty-two years no street improvement had been made by the District authorities, stating that even to reach the schoolhouse children have to pass through private property, and all the fuel and supplies delivered to the school must be hauled through land owned by private parties.

Mr. Collins, of the District bar, was admitted to membership.

DESERTER CAUGHT IN A PRIZE RING

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Charles Sinclair was arrested last night as a deserter from the army. He was just recovering from a knockout blow received in a prize fight when the police grabbed him. Sinclair is charged with taking French leave of Company M, Thirtieth Infantry, United States army. The regiment is now stationed at Fort Cook, Neb., but was in the Philippines when Sinclair is alleged to have deserted in 1902.

GREAT MORAL LEADERS TOPIC OF DR. GRIGGS

The lecture course on "Great Moral Leaders," by Dr. Edward Howard Griggs, of New York, under the auspices of the Playground Association, opens this evening at the Church of the Covenant. The introductory subject in the Washington course is Socrates; the subjects for the next four Friday evenings following being Savonarola, Carlyle, Emerson and Tolstoy; the Athenian Greek, the Florentine Italian, the Englishman, the American, and the Russian.

Tickets and reserved seats are to be had at T. Arthur Smith's, 127 F st.

MILLIONAIRE PIERCE SUED FOR DIVORCE

BOSTON, Jan. 11.—Millionaire Thomas W. Pierce has been sued for divorce by his beautiful wife, who is noted as one of the best horsewomen in America and is a familiar figure at the big shows. Mrs. Pierce alleges cruel and abusive treatment.

MINISTER PASSES FUNERAL JOBS

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 11.—The Rev. John W. Dougherty, pastor of the Apostolic Church, refused to conduct the funeral ceremonies over the remains of Joseph Heywood, who was killed by the fall of a smoketack several days ago. Mr. Dougherty, in a published statement, declares that from deep study of the Bible, it is his opinion that it is no

part of a minister's duty to either conduct funerals or perform marriage. He quotes at length from the Bible to prove his convictions.

CITIZENS ELECT OFFICERS.
The West Washington Citizens' Association elected the following officers at its last meeting: Creed M. Fulton, president; Charles A. Baker, first vice president; D. J. Bounds, second vice president; A. J. Leonard, secretary; J. T. Sherier, treasurer.

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